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## DUELING STORIES.

**A Combat That Won Applause in the Time of Charles IX.**

In its mediaeval form dueling was a serious affair. The loser was not only regarded as under the divine displeasure, but as the absolute property of the victor. He might be hanged or kept prisoner or handed over for disposal to the lady in the case. De Fendilles refused to enter the lists till he had seen a fire lighted and a gallows made ready to hang and burn his enemy after the victory he made so sure of. Another method of the time's barbarism was to drag the beaten man around the field, dead or alive. Even Bayard complied with this most unchivalrous custom. There were doctors of dueling, who were consulted just as were advocates of law, and the institution became entangled in the intricacies of red tape. The regulation about the choice of arms gave rise to many abuses.

A case much admired at the time was that of two gentlemen in the reign of Charles IX. of France, who rowed over to the Isle du Palais in order to be free from interruption. Just as they were about to cross—by themselves and without any seconds—they saw a number of gentlemen making for the quay to get boats and come and separate them. But they ordered the boatmen—they were both in one boat—to hurry and get them across as they were on urgent business. As soon as they touched shore they said to each other no more than "Let us get to work. These people will be here in a minute." And so they did—scarcely crossing swords before each man killed the other. Thus they were found dying side by side.

There was a historic case at Piedmont, in which a fencing master advised a young gentleman under his tuition to fight with dagger and sword and a steel collar around the neck of each duelist, with sharp points above and below. The young man was short of stature, and the arrangement enabled him to look up at his adversary comfortably, while the latter could not look down at all without the risk of nearly cutting his head off by his own exertions. Consequently the young gentleman dispatched him very easily in a couple of strokes.—Chicago News.

## What a Laugh Does.

A physician says that there is not one remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood vessels of the human body that does not feel some wavelet from the convulsions occasioned by good, hearty laughter. The life principle of the central man is shaken to the innermost depths, sending new tides of life and strength to the surface, thus materially tending to insure good health to the persons who indulge therein. The blood moves more rapidly and conveys a different impression to all the organs of the body, as it visits them on the particular mystic journey when the man is laughing, from what is done at other times. For this reason every good, hearty laugh in which a person indulges tends to lengthen his life, conveying, as it does, new and distinct stimulus to the vital forces.—London Standard.

## Felt Insulted.

The beasts were passing in procession for the first time before Adam, that they might receive designations.

The lion was roaring, the tiger snarling and the elephant trumpeting terrifically.

"Why all that noise?" inquired the meek eyed gazelle, who hadn't made a sound.

"Do you expect us to hear ourselves called names without getting mad?" quickly replied the three at once.

Whereupon the gazelle admitted they were not without excuse for anger. — New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Send The News to a friend.

## San Francisco in Ruins.

Successive, violent earthquake shocks visited San Francisco Wednesday. The water front sank and the bay spread over many blocks in that portion of the city. Fire broke out in many places and the waterworks having been rendered useless by the earthquake shocks, the city is being gutted by the flames. The loss of life is great and the property damage is millions upon millions of dollars. Wires are all down and the only means of communication with the city is by boats from Oakland.

This morning the entire city is reported as doomed.

Santa Rosa is also reported as in ruins. The destructive shocks did not extend further south than Santa Barbara.

It will be several days before full details of the disaster will reach the public and it is sincerely hoped that these details will fall far short of the present reports.

Don Speight, a successful and prosperous farmer of the McGregor vicinity, an old friend of Postmaster Cobb and Jack Cavett, was here Wednesday, leaving on the stage yesterday morning for Tulia, Plainview and other points between here and the T. P. railway. He is prospecting.

Dentist J. B. Hall, who was due here on the 15, informs The News that on account of sickness in his family, his coming has been delayed until about the 25 of this month.

"A stitch in time saves nine." Coal tar your hen-houses and kill the mites. For sale by BURTON-LINGO CO.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Greene of Lubbock are visiting their daughter, Mrs. I. L. Hunt.

People of Beaver county can take care of themselves. They are the most resourceful people on earth. They are light-hearted and hospitable. They can live for months on Kaffir corn or sit down to an elephant dinner and will not founder themselves. We know a party who lives near the railroad track and has a large family. He has only bought 45 cents worth of coal this winter. He hung a soda water bottle on the wire fence filled with red water. The firemen threw nearly a ton of coal at the bottle before they broke it. The gentleman came to town Monday after another soda water bottle.—Guymon Herald.

Rev. T. F. Robeson is adding a front porch to his residence.

R. H. Haynes of Miami visited his brother, Rev. A. B. Haynes, Sunday.

All copies of The News sent out of the county are stopped at expiration of time paid for—unless otherwise ordered. To subscribers in the county it is sent on with the date to which subscription is paid plainly printed after the name. Kindly look at this date and if possible pay up if behind.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL-LEAGUE RALLY CONFERENCE.

Convenes at Canyon City April 27-29, 1906.

### PROGRAMME:

#### FRIDAY, April 27th.

8 P. M.—Half hour Devotional Services. Led by Geo. Fort.

8:30 Sermon—Rev. J. M. Sherman. After preaching, enrollment of members, announcements, Adjournment.

#### SATURDAY, April 28th.

Morning, SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

8:30 Devotional Services, led by E. B. Black.

9:00-9:20: Sunday School Devices.—A. Ernsberger.

10 minutes open discussion.

9:30 Observance of Special Days:—(1) Decision Day.—E. B. Black. (2) Children's Day.—W. E. Garrison. (3) Missionary Rally Day.—Prof J. F. Eddleman.

10:10 Written reports from Sunday Schools.

(Read by the Superintendents.)

10:30 Home Dept. & Cradle Roll.—D. A. Park.

10:40 Teachers' Study Circle.—J. A. Wallace.

10:50 Intermission.

11:00 Teachers' Meetings.—Mrs. A. Ernsberger.

11:10 Soul-Winning in the Sunday School.—Umbarger.

11:20 How to interest the young men and old people in the Sunday School.—O. S. Ferguson.

11:30 Sunday School Question Box. Adjournment.

Afternoon Session—LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

2:00 Devotional Services, led by V. Trammel.

2:30 The First, or Devotional Department of the League:

(1) Its Importance.—G. G. Foster.

(2) Its management by 1st V. P. and his committee.—Mrs. A. S. Rollins.

(3) The League's Privileges.—Mrs. D. A. Park.

3:00 The Second, or Charity and Help Department of the League:

The Scope of the 2nd Dept. and how to work it.—Miss Margaret Syms.

Open Discussion.

3:30 Third, or Literary and Social Dept. of the League:

(1) The Social Functions of the League.—Mrs. B. F. Hodges.

(2) How to conduct the Literary Work.—A. S. Rollins.

4:00 The League as a Missionary Force.—Tulia.

4:15 The Missionary Study Course and its Management.—Miss Tenie Thompson.

Announcements, Benediction, Handshaking.

#### EVENING.

8:00 Devotional Services, led by Umbarger.

8:30 Preaching.—A. W. Waddill.

#### SUNDAY, April 29th.

Sunrise Prayer Meeting, led by Silverton.

9:45 Sunday School.

11:00 Preaching. (Sermon on Missions)—T. F. Robeson.

2:30 P. M. Junior League Rally, led by Mesdames T. S. Barcus, and W. B. Wilson.

3:30 Senior League Rally, led by W. H. Ray.

Announcements, Quiet moment on Knees, and League Benediction.

8:30 Preaching.—W. A. Gilliland.

Adjournment by Benediction.

Dr. Stewart received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his father, Dr. D. M. Stewart, Wednesday night at his home, Argyle, Texas. He was about 82 years of age and had been sick several weeks.

Some of the little folks spent a few hours very pleasantly Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stockard.

Friday, Millard Word was kicked by a horse receiving a flesh wound on the leg which required sewing up. Dr. Stewart applied the stitches and the patient is getting along alright.

Plenty of cement and lime at BURTON-LINGO CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Gober visited in Amarillo this week.

## Local Weather Record

From Friday of last, to and including Friday (publication day) of this week.

### SATURDAY

Nice spring day—wind in southwest.

### SUNDAY

Wind south-easterly course, mixed clouds and sunshine—a weather breeding day. Just as Monday morning came in it "sot" in to raining and the water fell in the old sizzly sozzly style filling up and thoroughly soaking everything on the outside.

### MONDAY

Still raining, mud everywhere and at this writing, 11:59 a. m., looks like it was never going to quit. Everything getting soggy, but nothing better could have happened for the many trees and shrubs that have been recently put out and the newly planted gardens also the grass. There is going to be some fruit too in spite of all the evil prophecies, and these rains came right for it.

Enough of a good thing, however, is sufficient and if possible we would order the rain machinery disconnected until further notice, but reckon we will have to put up with it. Good thing that Canyon City is so situated naturally that it drains well. Few towns on the Plains are blessed as we are in this particular.

### TUESDAY

Cloudy and threatening rain until late evening.

### WEDNESDAY

Wind from south, warm and some sunshine.

### THURSDAY

Another rainy day. It began with early morning, southeast wind, and rained until about noon when the wind shifted to the north and—the rain "kept a-coming."

### FRIDAY

The rain continued all day yesterday and through the early portion of the night. This morning the wind is still from the north, it is cloudy and has every appearance of still more rain. It is muddy without end or side and carpenters, painters and outside workers generally are laying off.

Fly time! Screens at Burton-Lingo Co.—cheapest in town.

The new Methodist parsonage is showing up in so far as the frame is concerned.

Mrs. J. J. Hooks and children left Tuesday for Eastland County where they will remain an indefinite time with Mrs. Hook's parents.

A car of good Palo Pinto post on the road. Wait for them.

### Burton-Lingo Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Crawford of Tulia visited J. P. Crawford and family this week, returning home to-day.

Among the sick this week are Mrs. A. B. Haynes, Mrs. Shelnett and baby, Earl Hunt, Susie Pyeatt Lee Foster, Lorenza Wirt, and Mrs. Lee Vansant.

Rev. A. B. Haynes will preach here now every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday in each month.

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